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1. THE RAND DAILY MAIL SEPTEMBER 13 CARRIES ANOTHER STORY APPARENTLY BASED ON DENNIS GORDON'S INTERVIEW LAST WEEK WITH ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL STEYN (REFTEL). GORDON NOTES THAT STEYN WILL TAKE OVE MOST OF THE PRETORIA-CONTROLLED DEPARTMENTS IN THE TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT, BUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WILL NOT BE AFFECTED. NEVERTHELESS, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, JUDGE STEYN MADE IT CLEAR "THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IS STILL SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION WITH THE BIG FIVE POWERS".

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIST OFFICIAL PUBLIC INDICATION TO SOUTH AFRICAN AND NAMIBIAN PUBLIC THAT SA MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE TERRITORY IS NEGOTIABLE.

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